Hon.Amb. Claver Gatete
Minister of Finance and Economic Planning
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B.P. 158, Kigali
Republic of Rwanda

Re: Republic of Rwanda: GEF-PPG Grant No. TF014169
Grant for the Preparation of the Landscape Approach to Forest Restoration and Conservation Project
Additional Instructions: Disbursement Letter
First Restatement

Honorable Amb. Gatete:

I refer to the Letter Agreement ("Agreement") between the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development ("World Bank"), acting as Implementing Agency of the Global Environment Facility ("GEF"), and the Republic of Rwanda ("Recipient") for the above-referenced project, dated June 13, 2013. The Agreement provides that the World Bank may issue additional instructions regarding the withdrawal of the proceeds of Grant No. TF014169 ("Grant"). This letter ("Disbursement Letter"), as revised from time to time, constitutes the additional instructions.

This Disbursement Letter is a First Restatement of the Disbursement Letter dated June 13, 2013 for the above referenced project restating Section II (vi) to reduce the designated account advances ceiling to USD 50,000. All other provisions of the Disbursement Letter dated June 13, 2013, except as amended, shall remain in force and effect.

The attached World Bank Disbursement Guidelines for Projects, dated May 1, 2006, ("Disbursement Guidelines") (Attachment 1), are an integral part of the Disbursement Letter. The manner in which the provisions in the Disbursement Guidelines apply to the Grant is specified below. Sections and subsections in parentheses below refer to the relevant sections and subsections in the Disbursement Guidelines and, unless otherwise defined in this letter, the capitalized terms used have the meanings ascribed to them in the Disbursement Guidelines.

I. Disbursement Arrangements

(ii) Disbursement Methods (section 2). The following Disbursement Methods may be used under the Grant:

- Reimbursement
- Advance
- Direct Payment
(ii) Disbursement Deadline Date (subsection 3.7). The Disbursement Deadline Date is 4 months after the Closing Date specified in the Grant Agreement. Any changes to this date will be notified by the World Bank.

(iii) Disbursement Conditions (subsection 3.8). Please refer to the Withdrawal Condition(s) in the Grant Agreement.

II. Withdrawal of Grant Proceeds

(i) Authorized Signatures (subsection 3.1). A letter in the Form attached (Attachment 2) should be furnished to the World Bank at the address indicated below providing the name(s) and specimen signature(s) of the official(s) authorized to submit Applications:

The World Bank
Boulevard de la Revolution
SORAS Building
Kigali, Rwanda
Attention: Country Director

(ii) Applications ( subsections 3.2). Please provide completed applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, through the World Bank’s Client Connection, web-based portal, following the instructions for electronic delivery. In the case the recipient does not have internet access, the World Bank may permit the delivery of applications for withdrawal, together with supporting documents, in accordance with subsection 3.3, to the following address:

The World Bank
Delta Center, 13th Floor
Menengai Road, Upper Hill,
Nairobi, Kenya
Attention: Loan Department

(iii) Electronic Delivery (subsection 3.4) The option to deliver Applications to the World Bank by electronic means may be effected if: (a) the Recipient has designated in writing, pursuant to the terms of subparagraph (i) of this Section, its officials who are authorized to sign and deliver Applications and to receive secure identification devices (“Tokens”) from the World Bank for the purpose of delivering such Applications by electronic means; and (b) all such officials designated by the Recipient have registered as users of Client Connection. If the World Bank agrees, the World Bank will provide the Recipient with Tokens for the designated officials. Following which, the designated officials may deliver Applications electronically by completing Form 2380, which is accessible through Client Connection (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). The Recipient may continue to exercise the option of preparing and delivering Applications in paper form. The World Bank reserves the right and may, in its sole discretion, temporarily or permanently disallow the electronic delivery of Applications by the Recipient.

(iv) Terms and Conditions of Use of Tokens to Process Applications. By designating officials to accept Tokens and by choosing to deliver the Applications electronically, the Recipient confirms through the authorized signatory letter its agreement to: (a) abide by the Terms and Conditions of Use of Secure Identification Devices in connection with Use of Electronic Means to Process Applications and Supporting Documentation (“Terms and Conditions of Use of Tokens”) provided in Attachment 3; and
(b) to deliver the Terms and Conditions of Use of Tokens to each such official and to cause such official to abide by those terms and conditions.

(v) Minimum Value of Applications (subsection 3.5). The Minimum Value of Applications for Reimbursements and Direct Payments is USD 30,000.

(vi) Advances (sections 5 and 6).

- Type of Designated Account (subsection 5.3): Segregated
- Currency of Designated Account (subsection 5.4): USD
- Financial Institution at which the Designated Account Will Be Opened (subsection 5.5): National Bank of Rwanda
- Ceiling (subsection 6.1) USD 50,000

III. Reporting on Use of Grant Proceeds

(i) Supporting Documentation (section 4). Supporting documentation should be provided with each application for withdrawal as set out below:

- For requests for Reimbursement:
  - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4);
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5).

- For reporting eligible expenditures paid from the Designated Account:
  - Statement of Expenditure in the form attached (Attachment 4);
  - List of payments against contracts that are subject to the World Bank’s prior review, in the form attached (Attachment 5); and
  - A reconciliation of the Designated Account, in the form attached (Attachment 6), with a copy of the bank statement.

- For requests for Direct Payment: records evidencing eligible expenditures, e.g., copies of receipts, supplier invoices

(ii) Frequency of Reporting Eligible Expenditures Paid from the Designated Account (subsection 6.3): Quarterly or more often if required.
IV. Other Important Information


If you have not already done so, the World Bank recommends that you register as a user of the Client Connection website (https://clientconnection.worldbank.org). From this website you will be able to download Applications, monitor the near real-time status of the Grant, and retrieve related policy, financial, and procurement information. All Recipient officials authorized to sign and deliver Applications by electronic means are required to register with Client Connection before electronic delivery can be affected. For more information about the website and registration arrangements, please contact the World Bank by email at clientconnection@worldbank.org.

If you have any queries in relation to the above, please contact LOA-TF by sending an email to loa-tf@worldbank.org and using the trust fund number as a reference.

Yours sincerely,

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Attachments remain valid as submitted under the original letter.